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To: Seifert, Marianne

Subject: Re: school indoor air quality summary

The Cle Elum Roslyn schools are located between the cities of Cle Elum and Roslyn in Kittitas County. This area is about 85 miles east of Seattle, on I-90.

The school buildings [one new in 1993, one remodeled in 1996] are located over mine #9, adjacent to a major power line, across the street from the former wash station for coal that came out of this region, and the transfer station (dump).

For over 8 years, parents, students, teachers, and staff have shown symptoms of IAQ problems. They include; sore throats, itchy/burning eyes, stomach aches, diarrhea, numbness, bloody noses, respiratory problems. Some people have been hospitalized. Staff have retired early or quit their jobs in order to safeguard their health.

Families have removed their children to other school districts, some parents are home schooling their children. People have closed their businesses and relocated - all because the health of their children was being jeopardized.

We have passed this information to the local & St. Dept. of Health and appreciate what they have tried to do, but we feel that it is inadequate. The problems have existed for over 8 years. The problems are more severe today than they were in 1998, when we came before this Board for help.

We feel all agencies have failed to address this problem adequately and in a timely manner. There is no reason that we should send our children to school and fear for their safety. Please help us make these schools safe for everyone.

A few of the agencies/people contacted:

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